

## ABOUT US

Advocates for Access is a center for independent living – providing services to persons with all types of disabilities in Peoria, Tazwell, Woodford, and Fulton counties.



### Did You Know?

- \*We are a center for independent living (CIL), a not-for-profit, that provide services to persons with all types of disabilities in the communities
- \*We are governed by a board of directors that are more than 51% persons with disabilities
- \*Our staff must have 51% disabilities in all job classifications
- \*There are 500 CILs nationally - 22 in Illinois - & also located in U.S. territories such as Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

### Interested in becoming a member?

Members receive pertinent information that highlights current issues that people with disabilities may encounter & information about Advocates for Access events.

Contact our office to become a member!



Contact us for more information.



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# Advocates for Access



**EMPOWERING PEOPLE  
WITH DISABILITIES TO LIVE  
INDEPENDENTLY IN OUR  
COMMUNITY**

## WHAT WE DO

Our five core services include informational & referral, advocacy, independent living skills training, peer counseling & support, and transition services. An explanation of our four programs are below.



### ITAC - Amplified Phone Testing Site

This free program - as long as you pay a phone bill - sets up deaf or hard of hearing individuals with amplified phones. ITAC also offers cell phone amplifiers & captioned phones. Call to schedule an appointment .

Since 2012, the Ready to Roll program - a partnership between Advocates for Access & His Helping Hands - has built 78 ramps. Contact our office for a Ready to Roll application.

### Loan and Lend Equipment Program

AfA offers assistive devices - wheelchairs, walkers, canes - as well as adaptive equipment for bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, and feeding for loan. We also accept donations to keep this program going.



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### Community Reintegration

Helps transition people with disabilities - under age 60 - to leave the nursing home and return to independent community life with proper support.

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### Youth Services

Works with students with disabilities and their families to advocate for their needs in education. Also, employment readiness training is provided.

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### Personal Assistant

Maintains a database of trained personal assistants for persons with a disability. Training provided to consumers on how to manage personal assistants is also offered.

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### Independent Living Program

Provides training in the Advocates for Access Life Skills Training Course in subjects such as self-health, finance, transportation, and self-advocacy.

### Other services offered

- Direct Services
- Disability Awareness Presentations
- Accessibility Audits
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Fun Fridays with Friends
- Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counseling

